

reference includes a distal CCD, which is divided to left and right sides with a shading member
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concl separating them, for achieving space multiplexing.

Change(s) applied
to document,

line 9

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Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 13, with the following:

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U.S. Patent no. 5,800,341 to McKenna et al, who is directed to an "Electronically

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concl Steerable Endoscope", which provides different fields of view, without having to move the
endoscope, using a plurality of CCD cells and processing means. U.S. Patent no. 5,825,534 to
Strahle, is directed to a "Stereo Endoscope having a Folded Sight Line" including stereo-
endoscope optical channel, having a sight line folded relative to tube axis.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 16, with the following:

US patent No. 5,812,187 to Watanabe, is directed to an Electronic Endoscope Apparatus.

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concl This device provides a multi-color image using a monochromatic detector and a mechanical
multi-wavelength-illuminating device. The monochromatic detector detects an image, each time
the multi-wavelength-illuminating device produces light at a different wavelength.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to make minor editorial corrections to
the specification.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein
be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and
consideration of the above-identified application.